

REGULAR MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chippewa Falls was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Gregory Hoffman presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

CLERK CALLS THE ROLL

Council members present: Jack Covill, Brian Flynn, Greg Dachel, Jason Anderson, Robert Hoekstra, Dennis Doughty, Susan Zukowski.

City staff present: City Planner Jayson Smith, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rick Rubenzer, Parks & Recreation Director Bill Faherty, Police Chief Wayne Nehring, Water Supervisor Rory Olson, Engineering Technician Todd Berg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) **Motion by Doughty/Zukowski, all present voting aye**, to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of January 20. **Motion carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

(a) Karen Polzin, 405 W. Vine Street, indicated she believes it is not economically feasible to fluoridate the City's water supply. She also stated it would be wasteful to fluoridate a majority of the City's water as it is used for industrial purposes. Dave Martineau, 318 Irvine Court, asked the Council to consider his previous request to be put on the agenda to have them consider allowing residents and property owners outside the City limits to speak under the "Personal Appearances" section. Susan Holm, 707 W. Columbia, had concerns about the dust, diesel, noise, water quality, and traffic impact of the sand mine operation. She would like it to go to a referendum. Dentist Randy Larue, 17421 95th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, spoke on behalf of Marshfield Clinic and in support of fluoride. He indicated 70% or approximately 184M citizens in the United States have fluoride in their water. He sees thousands of patients with dental decay and hopes the Council will consider doing something that will benefit the next generation. Shannon Hunt, 616 W. Elm Street, wanted more information on the sand mine plant. She has heard a lot of one-sided information and would like to hear why the representatives voted for the project. Shannon indicated the fluoride issue should be left to the citizens especially since city budgets are tight. Ken Vandehaar, 1737 Brickyard Lane, was on the panel when the Council considered fluoridating city water in 2004. He stated there is extensive research indicating optimal levels of fluoride are safe. He also understands budgetary issues might prevent fluoridation. Sheryl Shipman, 8438 163rd Street, indicated dental cavities are not because of the lack of fluoride but more due to poor nutrition and poor dental hygiene. She believes the cumulative effects of fluoride are too much for babies and the elderly. She suggested people check out www.flouridealert.org. Randy Dresel, who owns a business at 346 E. Park Avenue, indicated the importance of bringing jobs to the city and increasing the tax base which is what the sand mine project will do. Regarding increased diesel truck traffic because of the mine operation, he believes the new diesel trucks should operate cleaner than the older models. He suggested people come to meetings to find out what is going on.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS

(a) Motion by Hoekstra/Anderson to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting of February 9. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

APPLICATIONS

(a) Motion by Doughty/Hoekstra, all present voting aye, to approve the Operator (Bartender) licenses as recommended by the Police Department. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Doughty/Zukowski, all present voting aye, to deny the Operator License Applications of George Gintz and Alexis Rutsch as recommended by the Police Department. **Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Zukowski/Flynn, all present voting aye, to approve the Application of Knights of Columbus for a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for a Porogi Feed on February 22. **Motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Dachel/Anderson, all present voting aye, to approve the Application of Notre Dame Church for a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for an "Enchanting Evening for Two" on February 28. **Motion carried.**

PETITIONS None

MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS None

MAYOR'S REPORT None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Motion by Hoekstra/Doughty, all present voting aye, to approve the minutes of the Committee No. 1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater meeting of January 20. **Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Anderson/Zukowski, all present voting aye, to approve the minutes of the Committee No. 1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater meeting of January 27. **Motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Zukowski/Doughty, all present voting aye, to approve the minutes of the Committee No. 1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater meeting of February 12. **Motion carried.**

(d) Motion by Anderson/Zukowski, all present voting aye, to approve the minutes of the Committee No. 3 Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic meeting of January 28. **Motion carried.**

(e) The minutes of the Park Board meeting of February 10 were presented.

(f) The minutes of the Library Board meeting of February 11 were presented.

REPORT OF OFFICERS None

ORDINANCES None

RESOLUTIONS None

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

(a) Motion by Doughty/Hoekstra to approve the Proposal from SEH to assess the opportunity to obtain grant funding for improvements to the City's water and wastewater systems. **Motion carried.**

(b) There was a **motion by Anderson, seconded by Flynn** to approve the Proposal from SEH to complete a Traffic Impact Analysis for the traffic recommendations of the Downtown Entrance

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW(cont.)

Plan. The Council discussed the \$27,000 proposal cost and decided they would like additional bids to determine if the \$27,000 fee is reasonable. **Alderman Anderson withdrew his motion and Alderman Flynn withdrew his second and no action was taken.** City Planner Jayson Smith will gather multiple bids and bring them back for the Council to Review.

(c) Jean Durch, Chippewa County Public Health Director, asked the Council to consider the request of the Chippewa County Board of Health Members regarding the option of fluoridating city water. She indicated 90% of Wisconsin communities have fluoridation and those communities typically have 50% fewer cavities and less decay. Ms. Durch indicated there is more information to consider since the last time the Council addressed fluoridation in 2004. She stated fluoride in moderation and a controlled environment is a safe and effective way to prevent tooth decay. Council members asked questions including if Chippewa Falls is worse off than communities who use fluoride; is fluoride provided through schools; is fluoride safe for infants; and what the cost would be. 2004 cost estimates to fluoridate water were approximately \$200,000 per year. **Motion by Zukowski/Dachel to take no action at this time on fluoridating city water due to budget issues. Said motion passed after the following roll call vote: Aye – Zukowski, Dachel, Covill, Flynn, Anderson; Nay – Hoekstra, Doughty.**

CLAIMS

(a) The Claims Committee met at 6:00 PM before the regular meeting to review the claims for payment by the various departments of the city. **Motion by Hoekstra/Anderson to approve the payment of the claims listed below. After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

City General Claims and

Authorized/Handwritten Claims: \$ 805,073.72

Department of Public Utilities \$ 220,135.52

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Hoekstra/Anderson to go into closed session under 19.85(1)(e) for “deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session” to consider: **(a) Discuss and consider the purchase of Parcels 4222.20 and 4222.30 from Greg Harberts per the Downtown Entrance Plan; and (b) Discuss and consider the purchase of Northern Oil Company property at 12 S. Bridge Street per the Downtown Entrance Plan; and to allow City Attorney, City Planner Jayson Smith, Public Works Director Rick Rubenzer, and City Clerk Lynne Bauer to attend; and may return to open session. After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

The Council discussed this issue.

Motion by Hoekstra/Zukowski, all present voting aye, to return to open session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hoekstra/Covill, all present voting aye, to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Lynne Bauer, City Clerk